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Applicant : Dull et al.
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 12, 2002

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending.

In view of the following remarks, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of each of the rejections and allowance of the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-15 and 34-37 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The Applicants respectfully disagree for the following reasons. According to the Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions (“Guidelines”), to be statutory, a claimed process must either:

(1) result in a physical transformation outside the computer for which a practical application in the technological arts is either disclosed in the specification or would have been known to a skilled artisan ... , or

(2) be limited by the language in the claims to a practical application within the practical arts.

(See section IV.B.2.(b) “Statutory Process Claims” of the Guidelines).

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